

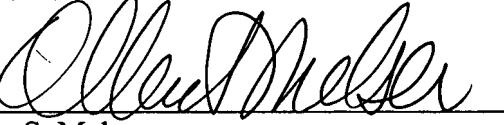
**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments, favorable consideration in this application is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 6 and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-13 remain in the application, with claims 1 and 12 being independent.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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